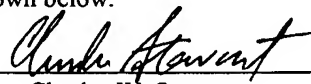




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Serial No. 10/668,908	)	Group Art Unit: 1764
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Filed September 23, 2003	)	Examiner: Tam M. Nguyen
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CATALYST AND ITS USE IN	)	
DESULPHURISATION	)	
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement mailed 10 October 2006.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following indicted grouping of claims and has required the applicant to elect one of these groups for prosecution on the merits.

Group I., claims 1-26, drawn to a composition of a catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 102+; and

Group II, claims 27-35, drawn to a process for desulfurization of a hydrocarbon feedstock, classified in class 208, subclass 213+.

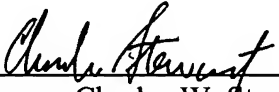
The applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-26 of Group I.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's restriction requirement is improper; since, the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner. See MPEP §803.

In view of the above comments, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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